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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARY PAROLE OF RUDOLPH HESS

1. RUEDIGER HESS PROPOSED IN LETTER TO SPANDAU PRISON GOVERNORS LAST WEEK THAT HIS FATHER BE PAROLED APRIL 20-27 ON CONDITION THAT HE GIVE WORD OF HONOR TO RETURN TO PRISON. (HESS WILL CELEBRATE 81ST BIRTHDAY APRIL 26, AND HIS WIFE WILL BE 75 APRIL 20.) UNANIMOUS VIEW OF FOUR GOVERNORS WAS THAT REQUEST MUST BE REJECTED, AND US GOVERNOR, AS CHAIRMAN FOR APRIL, WAS ASKED TO PREPARE DRAFT REPLY. BRITISH HAVE SUGGESTED THAT REPLY CONTAIN TWO ELEMENTS: A) REQUEST CAN NOT BE ACTED ON BY GOVERNORS BECAUSE TEMPORARY PAROLE IS NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF GOVERNORS AS DEFINED BY PRISON REGULATIONS; B) FAMILY SHOULD THEREFORE ADDRESS ITSELF TO FOUR GOVERNMENTS. BRITISH SAY THEY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM EMBASSY AND LONDON TO REQUIRE LETTER TO MAKE POINT THAT GOVERNORS ARE NOT COMPETENT AND THAT REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL. THEY SAY THIS INSTRUCTION IS BASED ON BELIEF THAT NEGATIVE REPLIES FROM GOVERNATE TO FAMILY REQUESTS FOR PAROLE, EXTRA VISITS AND THE LIKE PERMIT SOVIETS TO HIDE BEHIND QUADRIpartite SHIELD. BRITISH WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE LETTER TO HESS FAMILY SEPARATING ALLIED POSITION FROM SOVIET.

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2. WE HAVE TOLD BRITISH THAT WE ARE AGREEABLE TO SAYING
THAT REQUEST CANNOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE PRISON REGULATIONS
DO NOT ENVISAGE TEMPORARY PAROLE, BUT WE ARE OPPOSED TO
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